

(a) whether they have given on contract the construction of the bridge across the Neendakara bar ;

(b) if so, whether it was given in accordance with tenders, after the necessary notifications had been duly published in the *Gazette* ; and

(c) if the answer to part (b) is in the affirmative, the number of tenders received for the work, the names of the persons who offered the tenders with their respective rates, and of those to whom the contracts for the work were given, and whether they are sons of the soil or foreigners ?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*) : The member is referred to the answer to interpellation No. 210 by Mr. A. Thanu Pillai.

Speed of Service Buses.

212. MR. R. KESAVA PILLAI (*Kottarakara cum Kunnattur*) : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(a) the difficulties that would arise by allowing an increased rate of speed to service buses in the State ; and

(b) the number of offences committed by over-speeding and over-loading ?

MR. P. N. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*) : (a) The question of allowing an increased rate of speed to service buses is engaging the attention of the Government.

(b) The question is indefinite as it does not specify the period for which the information should be furnished.